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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 109  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate William Chessor on his selection as one of Tennessee's top two youth volunteers for 2001 in the Prudential Spirit of Community Award competition.

WHEREAS, Tennessee is very proud of its long heritage of being the "Volunteer State" with each new generation having added to that exemplary legacy; and

WHEREAS, each year, after a rigorous examination of the qualifications of each possible choice, the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the Prudential Insurance Company of America specially honor a select group of student volunteers by giving them the Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, the top two 2001 state honorees appropriately included William Chessor, a distinguished resident of Centerville; Tennessee and

WHEREAS, William, a popular highly regarded eighth-grader at Hickman County Middle School, received \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion and a trip to the nation's capital upon winning the award; and

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WHEREAS, he earned this rare and much-deserved prestigious recognition, by giving generously of his time and energy to create a haunted house fund-raiser that raised more than \$6,000 for the building of a much-needed animal shelter; and

WHEREAS, three years ago, when William learned that the Humane Society was struggling to afford a shelter, he and his brother suggested the idea of a haunted house, located a vacant building, and received permission to renovate it; and

WHEREAS, William recruited a team of adult and teen volunteers to help operate the haunting of the house, and to serve as actors for the performances; and

WHEREAS, the money raised has greatly benefited the community by taking homeless animals off the street and into loving homes, where without the shelter they would have died; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to commend this fine young person for his hard work in making the haunted house a reality in order to help the Humane Society, and also for proving an excellent role model for his peers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor, congratulate and commend William Chessor on being one of the top two 2001 Prudential Spirit of Community Award recipients and wish him much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.